

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) released the following statement regarding a government shutdown threatened by Senator Reid.

Akin commented:

“Since March, Republicans have passed four measures to fund government operations. We started with a carefully crafted continuing resolution (CR) that would reduce government spending by \$61 billion and fund the government for the rest of the year. Since then, there have been two short-term CRs to keep the government operating. Yesterday, the House passed yet another CR that would fund the armed forces for the rest of the 2011 fiscal year and fund the rest of the government for another week. So far, Senator Reid has refused to hold a vote on this measure – and the President has promised to veto it.”

“The stalemate in Washington is over one thing and one thing only: excessive spending. House Republicans have passed the largest reduction in domestic discretionary spending since WWII. If Senator Reid only objected to policy provisions in our CR, he could simply amend the legislation and send it back to us for prompt consideration. That he has not done so speaks volumes about his agenda.”

“I am doing everything I can to prevent a lapse in federal appropriations. A government

shutdown would be costly and disruptive. Yet, the Senate is refusing to fund the government at all rather than funding it at 98.2% of 2010 levels, as we suggested in our very first CR. The fundamental disagreement in Washington is between those who continue to impose unbearable debt on future generations and those who want to restructure government and reduce spending.”

The following table shows the differences in priorities between the two chambers:

DEMOCRAT-LED SENATE

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709 Days since the Senate has passed a budget resolution

0 Budget resolution mark-ups scheduled by Senate Budget Committee Democrats

0 Budget resolutions proposed by the Democrat majority in the Senate

0 Bills passed by Senate Democrats to fund the government for rest of year

7.75 Hours spent debating and voting on spending bills in the Democrat-led Senate

REPUBLICAN-LED HOUSE

48 Days the House has been waiting for the Senate to pass a bill to fund the government for the year

862 Billions of dollars that HR1, with \$61 billion in cuts, would save over the next decade

6.2 Trillions of dollars in spending cuts, relative to the president's plan, in the House budget

2 Veto threats from President Obama on bills that would fund the troops, fund the government, and prevent a government shutdown

66 Hours spent debating and voting on spending bills in the Republican-led House (nearly 9 times more than the Senate)

